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FROM: Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla,
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SUBJECT: Request for Comments on the Priority List of Food Additives Proposed for Evaluation
by JECFA

DEADLINE: 30 January 2007

COMMENTS: To:

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BACKGROUND

1. The 38th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants agreed to recommend additions or amendments to the Priority List of Food Additives, Contaminants and Naturally Occurring Toxicants Proposed for Evaluation by JECFA, as presented in Appendix XXXII of its report.
2. The Committee agreed to ask the Codex Secretariat, in collaboration with the JECFA Secretariat, to request new proposals for additions or amendments to the Priority List in a separate Circular Letter, which would also include the questionnaire for submission (ALINORM 06/29/12, paras 208-209 and Appendix XXXII).

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

3. Members and interested International Organizations are invited to provide comments for additions or amendments to the Priority List of Food Additives Proposed for Evaluation by JECFA, which will be considered at the forthcoming 39th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives as directed above, ***preferably by e-mail, not later than 30 January 2007.*** Comments should be submitted on the basis of the following attached Annexes to this Circular Letter:

- **Annex I** outlines the Criteria for the Inclusion of Additives in the Priority List; and,
- **Annex II** is the form on which Information on the Additive to be evaluated by JECFA is provided. In completing Annex II, only brief information is required. The form may be retyped if more space is needed under any one heading provided that the general format is maintained.

ANNEX I**CRITERIA FOR THE INCLUSION OF ADDITIVES IN THE PRIORITY LIST**

In order to be placed on the JECFA priority list the candidate additive should meet the following criteria:

1. Use of the compound in accordance with the general principles for the use of food additives (technological justification and need shall be indicated);
2. Commodities in which the compound will be used are in international trade and represent a significant portion of the diet;
3. Use of the compound will have potential to cause public health and/or trade problems;
4. The compound is commercially available; and,
5. Commitment that a complete dossier will be available for evaluation by the JECFA.

ANNEX II**INFORMATION ON THE ADDITIVE TO BE EVALUATED BY JECFA**

1. Proposal for inclusion submitted by:
2. Name of compound; trade name(s); chemical name(s):
3. Names and addresses of basic producers:
4. Has the manufacturer made a commitment to provide data?
5. Identification of the manufacturer that will be providing data (Please indicate contact person):
6. Justification for use:
7. Food products and food categories within the GSFA in which the compound is used, including use level(s):
8. Has the compound been approved for use in 2 or more countries (please identify the countries)?
9. List of data (toxicology, dietary exposure, specifications on chemical identity and purity, analytical methods) available:
10. Date on which data could be submitted to JECFA: